

# **LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

## **AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011, 1:00 P.M.**

**ROOM 374-A OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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### **Access**

#### ***Board of Directors***

10. Summary report on Access Board Meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board Representative. (5 Mins.)

Report by Kurt C. Hagen to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities at the January 19, 2011, regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.

1. There was no December, 2010, Board of Directors meeting for Access.
2. As Access Board of Directors liaison for the Commission, I wish to report that I did attend, in the functionality of Access Board member, the January 11, 2011, Access Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.
3. There were two primary topics of discussion at the CAC meeting this month. The first was an update for the CAC regarding the TAP card program. F. Scott Jewell, Deputy Executive Director, Administration, provided a brief training and answered CAC members' questions. The primary concern expressed by members of the CAC was the safety concerns over the fact the new Access TAP card will have the VISA logo on the front of the card, as it can also function as a debit card.

4. The concern is for the patrons who keep their Access identification card on a lanyard around their neck. The feeling expressed is that those individuals make be at a significant safety risk having the new card "displayed" that way with the VISA logo so prominent. Access has attempted to follow the recommendation of both the Board of Directors and the CAC to inquire as to the possibility of omitting the VISA logo for those who do not wish to have it displayed, to no avail.
5. The switch over to the new TAP cards will begin in March, 2011, with individuals who utilize the "free fare" program on the fixed route for some of their transportation needs. The remaining TAP card switchover patrons will receive the new TAP cards as part of the course of action when renewing eligibility.
6. The other primary topic of discussion was the continuing efforts to provide training for CAC members. The topics for training currently being considered are Americans with Disabilities Act (as it pertains to paratransit), Ralph Brown Act implementation, Robert's Rules of Order specifics, protocol and ethics, observed behaviors, communications skills and diffusion techniques. Several members of the CAC commented that they felt it was more important to conduct such training for new members only. Some members expressed concern due to the perception that CAC members are viewed as being poor communicators (hence, several of the proposed training topics).
7. The next Board of Directors meeting is January 19, 2011. The January meeting is the Strategic Planning Workshop/Board Retreat, scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Los Angeles County Music Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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12. Report by Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (5 Mins.)
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**Office of Affirmative Action Compliance**

**Disability Civil Rights**

Report by Kurt C. Hagen, Deputy Compliance Officer, to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities. Meeting held January 19, 2011.

1. The Disability Civil Rights Section (DCR) is continuing its work on the goals that had been set for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Our current workload involves the continuation of this two-year workplan involving barrier removal in County departments to maintain and create accessibility for persons with disabilities. Last fiscal year, the focus was, primarily, to complete the assessment of the County facilities to determine the current state of accessibility; while, this fiscal year's focus, generally, shifts to working closely with the departments to determine strategies for the implement of such barrier removal.

2. DCR is working closely with the Department of the Registrar-Recorder in completing a barrier removal project. A new ramp is being constructed to alleviate some path of travel accessibility barriers.
3. DCR is working to assist the Department of Health Services in removing architectural barriers at the entrance of the Edward Roybal Comprehensive Health Center via the replacement of two sets of the current entrance doors with automatic doors.
4. DCR continues to work with the Department of Health Services to resolve accessibility barriers in the parking lot and the service counters at the Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center. The parking lot upgrades have been completed and several of the service counters have been modified, thusfar.
5. DCR continues to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to remove path of travel and restroom accessibility barriers at Roy Campanella Park. This project is near completion.
6. DCR continues to assess numerous Department of Mental Health sites that had not, previously, been assessed for barriers for persons with disabilities.

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